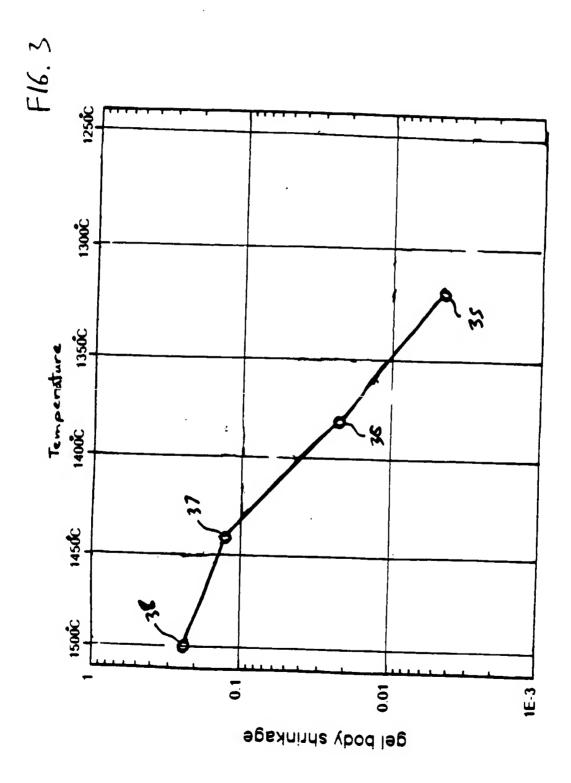
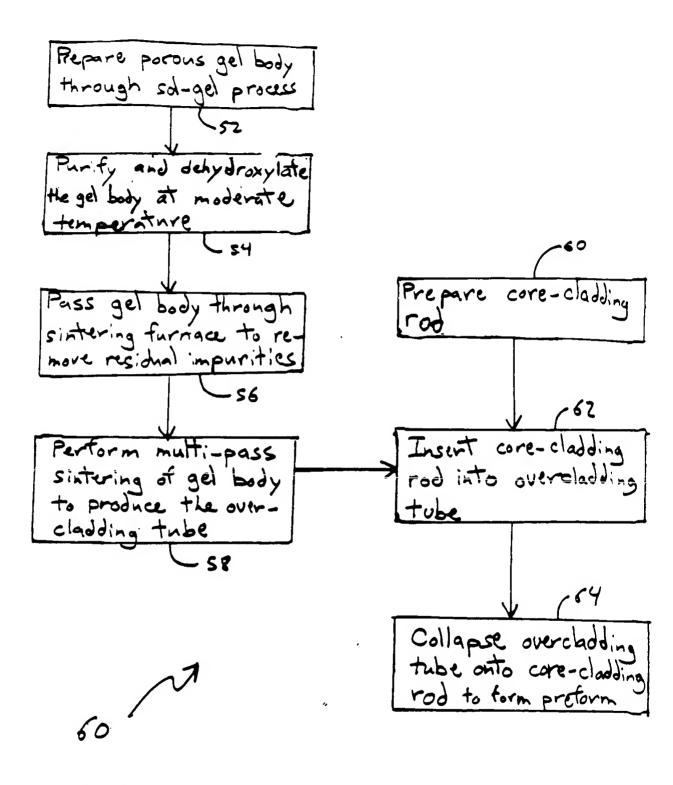


Subject an end portion of a gel body
to a hot zone to partially sinter
the end portion

Pass the gel body through the hot
zone to fully sinter the gel
body, the act of passing, causes the
previously sintered portion to traverse
through the hot zone last

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